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Japanse Column Ner Imphal

Manipur Rd "Menaced" At Two Points; Aed Air Supremacy Onentral Front

(By D. F. Karak Chronicle" War Correspondent)

IMPHAL FRONT, March 30.

Since writing, yesday, it is learnt that a Jap column was coming towards Imphaver the mountain tracks which were between the main ImpKohima Road and the Ukhrul Road, Hurricanes could be id strafing them.

MANIPUR ROAD "MEEED"

From D. R. Mankekar, 'ciated Press of India' Special Corrndent, Imphal Front, March 29:—

The spotlight to-day is ded to the 136-mile Dimapur-Imph road north of Imphal. This br fine asphaulted highway, popula known as the Manipur Road, s no being menaced at two points betn Kohima and Imphal—the last miles stretch of the road. h mysterday's despatch I referrd to Japanese drive towards Kohiman important point on the Jani Road 30 miles north of Impal. is Japanese Column was in the orning to-day reported to hav besighted at a village called Pfusera miles east of Kohima and itis aphended that it is the enem's tention here to attempt to gelastr the Manipur Road about 3 mi south of Kohima a the poin call Tehima. Further south lat this afternoon another small Jpane force was reported north of nph—A. P.

Chinese American Fors dvance

Chinese American orce Jambu Bum Area, March 29:—

The Japanese sufferancher disastrous defeat last nig whn element of Chinese 22nd visin after repulsing several inte-attacks drove the Japanese in hill position south-east Hkawwyang in north Mogaung, writes Gopalan, the 'Associated Press' a Correspondent. All through yeday artillery dueis were kept up the enemy made no less than 1e counter attacks.—Reuter.

On Central Burm Front

ALLIES' UNCALLENGED AIR SUEMACY

NEW DHI, March 31

In four successi days of thi week, dive-bombers the third Tactical Air Force, Eern Air Command carried out ndreds of offensive sorties agai the Japanese troops on the Ceal Burma Front, it is stated here.

The Japanese aforce has made not one attempt interfere with these almost ceaess attacks on their own men. till these sorties, only one encounted any serious enemy opposition—d that was from "Ack Ack" fire—ich missed. All these attacks by "rgeances", "Hurribombers" and "uricanes" of R. A. F. and I. A. Esuadrons have not cost us one arift nor have we even had one danged.

How long this enallenged air supremacy over ir front will continue it is impossik to say, but it is a reasonable deduch that, if the Japanese could hr given air support to their grou forces, they would have doncic—A. P.

Non-Party Conrence Move

ALLAHAD, March 31

It is understood at a demand for the restoration of nstitutional Governments and Legiaures in the pro

JAP RESISTANCE IN MAUNGDAW SECTOR

NEW DELHI, March 31.

South of Maungdaw, our patrols were active both on the coastal plain and in the foothills, says to-day's Allied war communique.'

The enemy are still resisting stubbornly on the high ground overlooking the eastern tunnel on the Maungdaw-Buthidaung Road.

In the vicinity of Buthidaung, our troops supported by artillery continued to mop up the strong points which the Japanese persistently attempt to estabish. Good progress has been made, and some successful ambushes caused casualties to the enemy.

Enemy pressure continues along the Tiddim-Imphal road and in the vicinity of Palel. Enemy artillery sheiled our positions near Tamu.

To the north of Imphal, a small Japanese raiding party broke through on to the Kohima road on the 29th March. This party managed to damage a bridge and ambush one or two M.T. before being forced off the road. Throughout the 30th March, still further to the north, other Japanese have reached the hills immediately east of the road, whence some mortar fire has been experienced during the last twenty-four hours. Reports indicate that the enemy who were successfully strafed by fighters and shelled north-east of Imphal on the 29th March, have been dispersed into the hills. There are no reports of any of the enemy columns in the southern Sonira Hill Tracts. Latest information shows that fighting still continues in the northern hill tracts to the east of Kohima. The Japanese have also made some small westward gains immediately to the south of this area. To the north of Kohima, two small Japanese infiltration parties were reported on 30th March.

In North Burma, forces of the 22nd Chinese division after capturing Shaduzup continue their drive down the Mogaung valley.

In the course of these operations, the Eastern Air Command flew the very high effort of 850 sorties. One Allied aircraft is missing.

Japs Face Entrapment In Mogaung Valley

In an area approximately four miles square between Shaduzup and Laban, the remainder of the two Japanese battalions faces entrapment in the Upper Mogaung Valley of Burma, says a press note issued from General Stilwell's Headquarters in India. The Chinese 22nd division occupied Shaduzup the morning of March 30 and is pressing south toward Laban, where the Chinese American force continues firmly to hold their road block.

vinces will be made at the forthcoming Non-Party Conference to be held at Lucknow on April 7 and 8.

A change at the centre will also be sought for by demanding an introduction of a National Government representing different political parties and communities.—A. P.

"AFTER SEEIN SHAKUNTALA MY FATHER TOO HAS AGREED TO MY CHOICE" —Says A SWEET DAMSH OF TO-DAY!

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RUSSO-JAPANESE PROTOCOL

R. A. F. ATTACK ON NUREMBERG

LONDON, March 31.

The R.A.F. took its biggest knocking of air war last night when 96 planes failed to return from a very heavy attack on Germany with Nuremberg as the main objective

To-day's Air Ministry 'communique' stated: "Last night aircraft of the bomber command were over Germany in very great strength. The main objective was Nuremberg. Other aircraft attacked targets in Western Germany and mines were laid in enemy waters. 96 of our aircraft are missing."

This is the greatest loss the R.A.F. have ever suffered. The previous highest total was 79 out of over 1,000 planes which raided Leipzig in February. The phrase "very great strength" in to-day's 'communique' would suggest last night's force approached but did not reach the strength of the formation that attacked Leipzig.

AIR RAIDS OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, March 31.—There was slight German activity over East and South-east England during the night including the London area, bombs were dropped. Slight damage and a small number of casualties have been reported.—Reuter.

TWO AMENDMENTS TO NEWSPRINT CONTROL ORDER

NEW DELHI March 31.

Two amendments to the Newsprint Control Order published in the 'Gazette' of India provide.

(1) That no person shall change the name or place of printing or making or the place of publication of any newspaper without the previous permission in writing of the Central Government and that (2) that no proprietor of a newspaper to whom a permit to purchase or to use newsprint has been issued shall use in the printing of the newspaper any kind or paper other than newsprint except with the permission in writing of the Central Government.—A. P.

Preventing Black Market In Cloth In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD March 31.

Black market in cloth is the topic on the tepis in Ahmedabad at present. A prominent millowner said in an interview that millowners were prepared to hand over to Government their quota of cloth production instead of giving it to merchants.

The Calico Mills have drawn out a scheme for preventing black markets by numbering production and stamping prices on cloth pieces. The scheme provides for registration of retailers and only four per cent profit margin on sales.

India To Be Represented At Commonwealth Conference

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 31

I learn that the British Commonwealth Relations Conference will be held in London from September 1 to 10 India will be represented and the Indian delegation will be selected by the Indian Institute of International Affairs. Informed circles hold the view that the Indian Delegation will be led by the Information Member Sir Sultan Ahmed who is President of the Institute.

Mr. Silam Released

Mr. S. L. Silam a member of the Bombay Municipal Corporation who was in detention under the Defence of India Rules at Yervada since August, 1942 was released on Thursday morning. He arrived in Bombay the same evening.

Karanjia On "Eastern Front"

Mr. R. K. Karanjia 'Blitz' accredited War Correspondent with the South East Asia Command who just returned to Bombay from the Eastern Front broadcast a talk entitled "Over the Eastern Front" from the Bombay station of the All-India Radio on Friday.

Great Triumph For Soviet Diplomacy

"Tokyo's Anxiety To Maintain Neutrality At All Costs"

MOSOW, March 31.

The Soviet and Japanese Governments have signed a Protocol whereby Japan agrees to the transfer to the Soviet Government of Japanese Oil and Coal Concessions in Northern Sakhalin.

Besides the above protocol a document was signed giving details about the transfer of the concession and the repatriation to Japan of Japanese nationals engaged in the oil and coal concessions enterprise.

Simultaneously, a Soviet-Japanese Protocol signed on Maroh 30, 1944 is published about the prolongation for five years of the Fisheries Conventjon of 1928 which fixes changes in Japanese fishing conditions in the Pacific waters of the U. S. S. R.—

"Izvestia's" Comments

MOSCOW, March 31: The Soviet-Japanese Fisheries, Coal and Oil agreements "prove the right course of the U.S.S.R.'s foreign policy and mutual understanding, with regard to our Allies in the Pacific", said the Soviet Government Paper "Izvestia" to-day.

SOVIET SUCCESS DOES IT

"Izvestia" in an editorial to-day said that the Japanese Government's "obligations to liquidate the concessions" were not carried out in October 1941, when said the paper, liquidation was due. "It is not difficult to guess that Germany's attack on the Soviet Union played a big role in this respect. However, the successes of the Red Army and the development of the war operations by our Allies played their part. Sobering up was to come but "some time was required for this."—

Reuter's special correspondent. Moscow, March 31.—The Soviet Japanese trade agreement published here this morning are regarded in Allied diplomatic circles here as a great triumph for Soviet diplomacy and as a notable and significant tribute to the success of Soviet arms. It is generally interpreted as showing anxiety on the part of Tokyo to maintain her neutrality to Russia at all costs Under the new agreement Japan will not get any oil from the Oka oilfields while the war lasts except for existing Japanese-owned stocks which, by the agreement, they can remove.

STATUTORY CONTROL FOR WHEAT, RICE AND GRAM

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 31.

Lobbies indicate the impoition of statutory price control for certain foodgrains with effect from April 15.

It is learned the control will operate in the cases of wheat, rice gram and barley. The wheat price as indicated earlier will range between Rs. 9-8-0 and Rs. 10 per maund and that for the Punjab rice at Rs. 12-8-0 per maund

The price of gram will be 7/8 of the wheat price and the price of barley will be less than that for gram.

There has always been difference in the prices of Punjab and Sind rice and the decision is believed to have been to fix rice prices on a regional basis. As already indicated Government would guarantee Rs 7-8-0 per maund for wheat if offered by the cultivator and not only assure the cultivator of a minimum price but also safeguard him from the possible effects of wheat imports from abroad which might depress prices.

Also, I learn, the Provincial Governments concerned have agreed to Govindas proposals and would fully co-operate in the scheme.

Finance Secretary Warns Bullion Market Speculators

NEW DELHI, March 31.

Referring to the bullion market in the Council of State to-day, the Finance Secretary sternly warned speculators and said that Government would be prepared to take most drastic measures to deal with the situation. (Cheers). Sales of gold, Mr. Jones said, have been made by the Reserve Bank for some time at a price which was regarded as not unfair to the investor having regard to the rise in the prices of other commodities.

Sales were made with the dual object of providing the U.S. Government and H.M.G. with rupees for use on their war expenditure in this country and as an anti-inflationary measure. The end of last week and early days of this had witnessed the results of scare-mongering by interested parties on the minds of the public.

WAVE OF SPECULATIVE BUYING

A wave of speculative buying of gold had developed with the result that the market price of gold had outstripped the price at which the Reserve Bank were prepared to sell "Clearly it would have been useless to continue to supply the normal demand at a price well below the prevailing market rates; so the bank deemed it expedient to allow the market to find its own level through the tender system', he said.

The Finance Secretary assured the House that when that unreasoning speculative fever had abated the price of gold would undoubtedly subside to the loss of certain mortunate people and the bank would be able to continue sales at more reasonable rates.

"I should however like to make it clear," he said, "that if this is a move to frustrate the Government's anti-inflationary policy, then government will be prepared to do with it by the most drastic measures as they dealt with a similar situtlon in the cotton market last year. Government are determined not to let the Bullion market get out of hand, and they will take whatever steps necessary to prevent this sould the behaviour or some actions of the public render this necessary in the general interest."—A.P.

STOP PRISS

OCHYAKOV CAPTURED

MOSCOW, March 31: Mshal Stalin in an Order of the Day says that Ochyakov has been captured.

The order was addressed to Genera Malinovsk. Ochyakov is miles east of Odessa on the Black Sea Coas Thirtyfive miles south-west of Nikolaiev it lies at the top of the peninsula between the Bug and Gilgi Estuaries and faces Odessa across forty mile bay.—Reuter.

U. S. THRUS ACROSS CENTRAL ACIFIC

LONDN, March 31.

Admiral Chester Imitz, striking closer to Japanese mineland than at any time since Pearl Harbour, is now attacking Palau (Pew) Islands, 1,350 miles south of Jam. This new thrust across the Ctral Pacific by the United States Tsk Force, including aircraft carriers is the first blow against Japan's inr fortress chain, extending from the East Indies to Japan itself.

The attack befo which Japanese ships at Palau fle has taken United States Pacific Fle more than 1,300 miles westwards i the heart of Japanese controlled aters since the attack on Truk in Caroline's several weeks ago

Admiral Nimitz "communique' from Pearl Harbour esy to-day said that the attack was sl going on. Almost at the same tim as the Palau bombardment was nounced, General MacArthur repoed that his South-West Pacific bobers had for the first time made a heavy attack on Truk, which is great Japanese base in the Central acific.—Reuter.

RUSSIA ADVANCE

BERLIN, March 31.

A German 'mmunique' to-day reported Russia attacks throughout the day betwe the lower reaches of the Ukrainian Bug and the Dniester as well as bween the Dniester and Pruth "Ller offensive and defensive battles a still in progress southwest of Proskov.

At Tarnop fighting activity was on a reduced scale."

ZHUKOV'S ROOPS' PROGRESS

MOSCOW, March 31.—Beating all previous spe records in the south-

ern offeive Marshal Zhukov's first Ukrainis spearheads to-day stand only 15 iles from the Czechoslovak border, hile the force advancing from Ciauti is within 10 miles of the Burina Rumanian border. The latter inow 2,000 feet above sea level in the foothills of Carpathians. In Ndavia, Marshal Koniev's right wing is only about 10 miles distant from Zkov's troops which captured Cernau while on the left his forces have anced another 12 miles near Kinishev.

ENEY ATTACKS ON CASSINO REPULSED

Mediterranean Allied Forces Advance Hq., March 31.

Eny attacks against our positions at Cino were repulsed. The ehemy suffer casualties Elsewhere patrols ere active on all fronas.

All Large formations of escorted heavybombers of the strategic air force yesterday attacked rail communicains and targets in Sofia Other heavy bombers hit aerodrome at Imotski.

Opr fighters attacked supply bases mot transport and rail targets in the inzio area.

Imotski aerodrome attacked by hea bombers is in the southern part of he Yugoslav Province of Bosnia 18 iles from the Adriatic coast.—Reer.

Bogal's Sugar And Gur Quotas Increased

EW DELHI, March 31: In respse to Bengal's request for larger suplies of sugar, it is reported that th Central Food Department has increased Bengal's sugar quota from 13000 to 140.000 tons of which 10.000 tns will be local production. Similly the *gur* quota has been raised frm 37.000 to 60.000 tons.—A. P.

Mrs. Naidu In Bombay

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived in Bmbay this morning to attend the l-India Women's Conference to be ld here on the 7th instant. She was ceived at the station by Madame pphia Wadia, her hostess, and Lady hackersey and other members f the Reception Committee of the onference.

MOORE ELECTED HONORARY MEMBER OF A-I. N.E.C.

BOMBAY March 31.

Mr. Arthur Moore former Editor of the "Statesman" of Calcutta has been elected honorary member of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, announces Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the Conference."—A. P. e

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MAY)

NEW YORK, March 31.

Previous Closing	20.89
To-day's Opening	20.89
Difference	Nil
To-day's Closing	20.86
Difference	—.03

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 31.

The market ruled quiet but steady and a good business was put through Government Securities were unchanged.

Assembly Move To Censure Govt.

Why Sugar Licences For War Fund Contributors Only? Raza Ali Suspects "Conspiracy" Between Bihar Govt. And Food Member

NEW DELHI, March 31.

The Assembly discussing non-official bills to-day rejected without a division Mr. M. A. Kazmi's bill for the abolition of whipping.

In the course of the debate on it, Mr. Kazmi moving reference to a Select Committee demanded that political offenders in particular should not be subjected to the degrading punishment of whipping

Sir Yamin Khan agreed that whipping was not proper punishment for political offenders but his experience was that in Indian conditions, whipping could not be abolished altogether. Mr. Lalchand Navalrai supported this standpoint.

Mr. Kazmi winding up the debate urged that the Select Committee, could, if necessary, restrict the scope of the bill.

The motion was rejected.

MUSLIM UNIVERSITY BILL

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed moved reference to a Select Committee of his bill to amend the Aligarh Muslim University Act so as to provide that the Central Government might, on the recommendation of a Provincial Government or the Government of an Indian State allow students of a school in that Province or State to appear in the high school examination of the Aligarh University.

Mr J D. Tyson, Education Secretary, moving circulation of the Bill till July 31, 1944, referred to a number of points which would arise out of a Bill of this kind on which the opinion of the Provinces should be taken.

Sir Ziauddin accepting the motion for circulation declared that the University was not anxious to have authority for inspection. The House passed the motion for circulation

The Assembly passed Mr. Abdul Ghani's bill to amend the Delhi Muslim Wakfs Act. A number of bills were introduced by Mr. Kazmi, Mr. Nairang and Mr Krishnamachari.

"INJUSTICE TO MUSLIMS"

The Assembly rejected by 26 votes to 15 Maulvi Abdul Ghani's adjournment motion to discuss the Food Member's action in justifying in the course of replies to questions yesterday the Bihar Government's "injustice to Muslims" in granting sugar licences, of which only three out of a total of 178 had been given to Muslims

GOVT.'S "MISDEEDS"

Mr. Yusuf Haroon said that without trying to make it a communal question, he wanted the House to censure Government because of their "misdeeds" in appointing sugar dealers in all Provinces. In Bihar there were five sugar mills and yet not one of their representatives had been given a chance. He alleged that licences were given only to those who contributed to War funds.

Mr. Nauman said not only the claims of Muslims but of even deserving Hindus were ignored in the grant of licences, which he declared were auctioned, purchased and repurchased by a number of people.

Sir Yamin Khan declared that Government was trying to create a rift in the unity in the House but he assured the Food Member that the Opposition were proof against that attempt.

FOOD MEMBER EXPLAINS

Sir J. P. Srivastava, Food Member, replying repeated his observations about the mover mixing up two sets of issues and went on to say that the mover intended clearly to censure Government because they had not been a able to ensure a communal proportion among sugar dealers.

Sir Jwalaprasad asserted that the Food Department's policy was not to be guided by communal considerations in the selection of dealers for various commodities but to select the Best men irrespective of communal considerations.

"CONSPIRACY"

Sir Raza Ali suspected a conspiracy between the Bihar Government and the Food Member.

Mr Ghulam Bhik Nairang said that in spite of the Food Member's denial there must be a good deal of truth in the allegation that only those who subscribed to War bonds were given licences.

Closure was applied at this stage and Mr Ghani made a brief reply, in which he reiterated his contentions

The House divided on the adjournment motion and rejected it.

The Assembly adjourned till Monday.—A P.

NEW PERSIAN GOVT. RESIGNS

TEHERAN, March 31

The new Persian Government met with strong opposition at its first meeting with Parliament to-day and was forced to resign even before a vote of confidence was taken.

Mahommed Saed, the Prime Minister, was charged by deputies with the task of choosing other ministers as soon as possible.—Reuter.

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ALLIES ABANDON TIDDIM, BUT HOLD IMPIAL FIRMLY, SAYS C.-IN-C.

NEW DELHI, March 31.

The Commander-in-Chief, making a statement in the Assembly for the first tim in many years, spoke with complete confidence of the result of th fighting now in progress in Burma.

"We cannot op every Japanese thrust as son as it makes itself apparent, nd it is therefore, always posble that some of these may succei in temporarily interrupting our communications", said His Excellery.

"I am convinc, however, that the security of Aam has never been in danger, t alone the security of India. Cheers).

I feel certainthat we shall maintain our foward lines of communication ad ultimately drive the enemy ick to his original position andbeyond."—

Commander--in-Chief

Situation Sasfactory

His Excellency bega by saying that he would describe t situation "as made known to me by Lord Louis Mountbatten, who is, s the House is aware, responsible fooperations on this front.

"My statement in e Council of State described the itial development of the Japanese dvance in the mountain tracts wherthe State of Manipur borders on urma.

The Burma Front oirs to the Japanese two main lineof approach; one in the south fro Arakan towards Chittagong and e province of Bengal, and the other the north through very mountabus country towards Manipur and sam.

"I have already descied the failure of the Japanese ert in Arakan. OUR TROOPS AT STILL ON THE OFFENSIVE IN TIS SECTOR and in the face of sborn and sometimes suicidal resince they are gradually forcing thenemy back from the strategically imrtant lateral road which connect Maingdaw with Buthidaung.

The Japanese are fiting very hard to retain their hold this vital link, but, as I said, they e steadily losing ground, and sufferi very heavily in the process.

That is the situation othe southern front in Arakan and is in my opinion satisfactory.

Difficult Geograic Constitutions

"On the second line of aroach in the north, the enemy is deavouring to penetrate the formible physical barrier of mountain d jungle which stretches over 200 es or so from the Chin hills to thsouth of Imphal to the Somra Hill acts to the east and north-east oImphal.

In this area our main lin of supply by a road from Manipu road, through Kohima to Imphal,ins parallel to the main battle fr. This is a strategical disadvantagbut it is dictated by the geographof the country, as the hills in thipart of the world run north and so and the valleys between them of the only possible means for movent of troops and stores on a largecale.

It is this fact which maki this line of communication vulnrable to attack by enemy raiding parties which may be able to penetra along the various trails and fpaths through the mountains, whic are passable to men on foot.

There are many of these trs and paths and to attempt to defenthem all would only serve to dissip our strength and make us weak verywhere.

Jap Rear Threatened

"The enemy's main advance taking place against this line of communication from Manipur i the north to Tiddim and Tamu, bo of which are in Burma, in the uth, and it is in this area that the most important operations are now taking place.

THE ENEMY IS FIGHTING OR A QUICK DECISION. HE HAS NO WELL ORGANISED LINE OF MMUNICATION IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIM, and in Central Burmhis rear is threatened by our fces which, as Hon. members are aire, have been landed from the air.

These forces, by destroying ilways, interrupting the movement by river and generally attacking he enemy's supply organisation, are w beginning to make their presence it.

The area itself is a very extene one, as compared with the area in which fighting is taking place n Italy. As they expand their opetions it is to be hoped that e ENEMY WHO IS THRUSTING FORWARD TOWARDS MANIPUR WI, FIND HIMSELF SHORT OF SUPLIES and be compelled to detan troops to remove the threat to h rear.

The full pressure of our forc which are operating inside Burma hind the enemy's lines cannot, course, be felt immediately, but th effect of it is likely to be steadand cumulative, and it is likely grow.

The enemy's lines of communication and forward bases are also threatened by the southward advance of the Chinese and American troops under General Stilwell, who are operating in the Hukawng valley.

Japs Suffer Heavy Losses

These forces have had considerable success, and here, again, as in the extreme south, very heavy losses have been inflicted on the Japanese who have been forced to withdraw for a considerable distance and are still withdrawing.

Apart from all this pressure on the enemy, our air forces are hammering steadily at the enemy's communications—they are striking at his railways, his riverways, his depots, and in fact at the whole of the great organisation which is necessary to keep his armies in the field.

The weight and frequency of our air attacks is steadily increasing and we have ample evidence of the delay and loss they are causing the enemy.

Prior to the enemy's crossing of the Chindwin and his subsequent advance towards Imphal and Manipur, our own forces were operating in the Tiddim and Tamu areas—these places may be familiar to members who have studied the maps—and we had constructed good roads connecting both these places with our advanced base at Imphal, or rather the Imphal plan.

The enemy's object appears to be to establish himself before the monsoon in the Imphal-Kohima area and then to attempt to strike at our rail and river communications from Calcutta, along the Brahmaputra, into north-eastern Assam.

Favourite Manoeuvre

In order to effect this object the enemy developed his offensive as follows:—

First, he made a threat against Imphal from the south, and secondly, he advanced on Imphal from the east and north-east.

In the south, that is in the Tiddim area in the Chin Hills, the enemy's intention was apparently confined to getting behind our forward troops and establishing blocks across the road on which they depended for their supplies.

That is a favourite manoeuvre; he tried it in Arakan with disastrous results to himself.

It does not appear, at any rate for the present, that he has any intention of trying to attack Imphal from this direction, that is from the south.

Tiddim is of no particular strategic value to us, and we did not attempt to hold it.

In accordance with the correct principles of war, our commanders decided that their proper objective was the enemy force which was trying to block the roads behind.

Our troops in the Tiddim area, therefore, moved northwards, and have been steadily attacking and pushing back the enemy for some time past.

They have been helped in this by troops which moved down from the north from the direction of Imphal itself, thus subjecting the enemy to pressure from both sides, from the noith and from the south.

These operations have been largely successful and the two forces have now joined hands and heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy in the process.

There are still small parties of the enemy on the road between Tiddim and Imphal, but it looks as if it should not take long to remove them. That is the situation immediately south of Imphal.

In the Tamu area itself the enemy has made little progress and has not succeded in interrupting traffic on the rad between Tamu and Imphal, that is, the second road which we have been building for many months past. Here again they have made several fruitless attacks and have again suffered casualties.

Imphal Still Intact

I wold like here to make it quite clear that IMPHAL IS STILL IN OUR HANDS that it has not been captured by the Japanese and that IT IS STRONGLY DEFENDED.

It is lways possible that small parties of the enemy may penetrate into theImphal plain because this is made eay by the nature of the surrounding country the intricacy of which has to be seen to be believed. Such pentration however, is not likely to e of major importance

The opinon epressed in an American paper that the fall of Imphal would be of little importance is erroneous. Our commanders do not intend that mphal should fall into the enemy's hads. (Cheers.)

In conjuction with this advance in the direction of Imphal, the enemy has made two further thrusts towards the northern part of the road from mphal to Manipur Road, which is ou main railhead in this part of theworld

Both thesethrusts are more or less in the direcon of Kohima. Here the emy has nde some progress, but it only with the last day or two hat he has ome up against our prepared defence and met serious opposition on o part. This is in accordance withour pre-arranged plans. The country in this part of the world, that is, o the north of Kohima, isextremely huntainous and intricate and the only transport which can be used are pack animals or porters. Kohima is held by our forces and strongly fenced.—A. P.

Pt. Malviya's Health

ALIHABAD, March 29.

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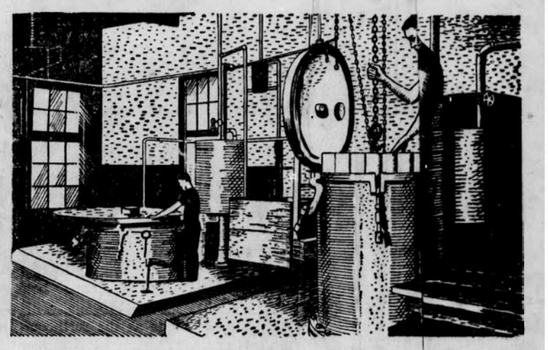
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To-day's Engagements

LECTURE ON STUDENTS' IDEAL: Under the auspices of the Modern Night High School Mr P. V. Gadgil Editor 'Lokamanya' will deliver a lecture on 'Students' Ideal today in the High School Hall at 6-30 p.m.

FYZEE-RAHAMIN'S LECTURE: Under the auspices of the Arts and Arts Society of India, Mr. Fyzee-Rahamin will deliver a lecture on the 'Purpose of Art' with reference to Indian Art illustrated with lantern slides today at 5 p.m. at the Conference Hall, B E S T. Colaba Causeway.

ANDHRA ASSOCIATION AND LIBRARY KALYAN: Sri Rama Navmi Festival will be celebrated from the 1st of April to 10th April. The programmes include daily Ramayana discourses, Musical entertainments Telugu Dramas, Harikathas etc.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Branch of Ramdas Anandashram (Kanhangad), the birthday of Sri Swami Ramdas will be celebrated from Sunday the 2nd April to Monday the 10th April at "Ramdas Nivas" 16th Road, Khar.

BOMBAY KANNADA SANGHA, MATUNGA: Sri Ramanavami celebrations today at 6 p.m in the Sangha Premises.

YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION: Presentation of an address to poet Nanalal Dalpatram and Kavi's discourse on "Hindutwani Bhavna" today (Saturday) at 6-45 p.m. at Anand Bhuvan Hall, Girgaum Back Road, Sheth Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee will preside.

GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIP LECTURE: Dr. J. M. Unvala will deliver his fourth and last lecture of the series today at the K R Cama Oriental Institute Library Hall at 6 p.m. (S.T.) on "Religious and Commercial History of Iran from the Achaemenian down to the Modern Times."

YOUTH SYMPOSIUM ON IQBAL: In celebration of Iqbal anniversary, a Youth Symposium on Iqbal will be held today at the Balvatsky Lodge, at 6-30 p.m. Prof. S. H Naqvi, Mr. Amin Hazeia, Editor, "National Review." Mr. G M Mekhri Mr. Dinkar Sakrikar and others will speak Prof. A. M. Moulvi will preside.

MALABAR CHRISTIAN MEETING: A general meeting of the Malabar Christians will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Byculla Y M C A hall, Reynolds Road.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No 7 (Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi) will meet near the Junction of Princess Street and Girgaon Road today at 6-51 a.m. (E T) 8-30 a.m. (S T) to go round the Ward.

LECTURE AT DHURU HALL DADAR: Under the joint auspices of Sarvajanik Vachanalaya and Vaktrutvotejak Sabha Prof G. D. Parikh will deliver a lecture on "People's Plan of Economic Development" at 9 p.m. today.

EXHIBITION SALE OF INDIGENOUS ARTICLES: In order to popularise Indian arts and crafts an exhibition sale has been organised at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall from today (Saturday) to 8th inst. Its object is to give opportunity to the general public to buy household articles, such as clothings, hosiery, cloth, steel and leather goods provisions, presentation articles, toilet requisites, etc, at theaper rates from one place only. The opening ceremony will be performed by Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee today at 3-15 p.m.

ALL-INDIA PADMASHALI MAHASABHA: Mahasabha's 3rd Working Committee meeting will be held at "Bhawana Baug", Kamatipura, 6th Street today (Saturday) at 9 p.m. under the presidentship of Sjt. Sayanna Laxman Dikonda.

Corporation Meeting Adjourned

The meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Haji Usman Haji Vali Mahomed Millwala, who passed away in Bombay on Thursday.

The deceased was a prominent oil merchant and a member of the Corporation from 1935 to 1939.

The adjournment was moved by Khan Bahadur Mahomedali Allabux and seconded by Mr M N Talpade.

Earlier, Mr. M R Masani the Mayor welcomed Mr. S L Silam who was released from Yeravda Jail on Thursday and attended a Corporation meeting for the first time on Friday since his re-election in last October.

Tragic End Of Famous Wrestler

GUNGA KILLED IN BUS ACCIDENT

(BY FREE LANCE)

The entire sporting world will be shocked by the sad news flashed from Lahore that the famous Indian wrestler Feroz Din, popularly known as Gunga has been killed in a motor bus accident, while he was on his way to a Mela at Lahore from his village home. It is a most tragic end to a great career. Gunga was unquestionably the best built man among the Indian wrestlers of today and was the most serious challenger to the titles claimed by Gama, Imam Bux and Hamida. It is a matter of great pity that he could not have a fair and straight fight with them for some reason or other, before he met his death so prematurely. Being deaf and dumb, he was on many an occasion misguided by his opponents and even friends, which placed him in awkward situations as it happened in Bombay recently But personally he was a thorough sportsman and had he lived the full span of his life he would surely have raised the prestige of Indian wrestling in the estimation of the world.

WANTED A CONTROLLING BODY

I wish very much that something was done to organise professional wrestling in this country. If it is placed on an organised footing I do not think it will be possible for even top-notching wrestlers to make fiascos in the manner they did at the Brabourne Stadium recently. If tournaments are held under recognised rules, they must either participate in them or be deprived of their titles. Let us create new champions if we cannot persuade the old ones to fight their challengers. It is indeed a disgrace to Indian wrestling that it is still in a disorganised state although the game itself stands at the top of the world. Will some sportsmen interested in it take a lead in this matter and try to establish a body for controlling wrestling in India at an early date?

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BY T. V. P.

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Incidentally it is expected to be a good musical too, in that Master Krishnarao Phulambrikar, the well-known musician and Amir Karnataki who has acted as play back to many a non-singing actress are co-starred. The screen-play is by S. A. Shukla.

"ANASUYA" AT KRISHNA

"Mahasati Anasuya" based on a well-known mythological story in which Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh put to test the austere life of Anasuya and her husband sage Atri is brought to the screen by author-director Dave. Among the players are such celebrites as Durga Khote, Shobhana Samarth, Shahu Modak and Gope.

It was released yesterday at Krishna Talkies and there were enthusiastic audiences for all its shows.

"FASHION" AND "ZAMIN"

"Fashion" by Fazli Brothers, released last week at Roxy stars Sardar Akhtar, Sabitadevi and Chandramohan. It has proved to be a popular hit. "Zamin" released two weeks ago is attracting audiences on its intrinsic merits as a symbolic story. Among its stars are Durga Khote, Raj Bishwas and Khalil.

Navayug's "Pundalik" is due to make its appearance next Saturday at Central, from where "Naya Tarana" of the same producers will be withdrawn. The story is by Roy Kinkar and among the actors are two new comers Devdas and Sharda, besides the veterans like Kusum Deshpande, Saroj Borkar, Sudha Apte, and others.

"ZABAN" FOR LAMINGTON

"Bhaktaraj" is now in the 15th week. Jayant Desai's another production "Zaban" is scheduled to be the successor of "Bhaktaraj." Ishwarlal, Kaushalya, Mubarak and Vatsala Kumthekar are among the stars of "Zaban."

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THREE CITY CONGRESS WORKERS RELEASED

BOMBAY, Friday.

Today three leading Congress workers of Bombay have been released unconditionally from Nasik Road Central Prison. They are Messrs. Ganpatishanker Desai, Sunderdas Morarji and G. R. V. Tula. They will arrive in Bombay tomorrow morning.

W. I. A. A. Silver Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee meeting of the Western India Automobile Association came off at the B E S T. Hall on Friday evening. Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor, Bombay, was in the chair.

Mr. P. P. Kapadia, the president of the Association gave a brief resume of the useful work done by the Association since its reception in 1919. He stressed the need of housing the Association in its own building and appealed to the members of the Association to contribute liberally to the Silver Jubilee Building Fund which they had started.

Mr. Knight expressed his satisfaction at the good work done by the Association.

Death Of Mr. A. R. Bhaiji

The "Chronicle" regrets to announce the death which occurred on Friday evening at his house in Bapukhote Street of Mr. Abdur Rahman Bhaiji. Mr. Bhaiji retired as Secretary of the Bombay Municipal Schools Committee which he had served for many years in different capacities. He belonged to a well-known family in Uran. He began his career as a teacher in Anjuman-i-Islam High School. He was a good Persian and Arabic scholar. He was also for some years a trustee of the Juma Musjid, Bombay. His funeral will take place at 9 a.m. today.

DEATH OF MR. VISHNU J. BHATT

Mr. Vishnu J. Bhatt, Manager of India Film Circuit, died at Wadhwan (Kathiawar) on Thursday (March 30). Mr. Bhatt hailed from Nadiad. From the College he straight joined Metro Goldwyn Mayer, and later joined Evergreen Picture in 1939. When India Film Circuit was started in 1942. he was selected to guide its course—a job he fulfilled very efficiently.

RETAIL PRICES FOR DYES

The Government of India have by notification in the 'Gazette' fixed maximum retail sale prices for dyes. The attention of all concerned is drawn to an advertisement issued by the Government of India and published elsewhere in this paper on this subject.

Selections For Today's Races.

HINDUSTAN SHOULD ANNEX INDIAN ARMY CUP

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

Three cup events as figure in the programme drawn up for to-day's war gift fund meeting.

The Indian Army Cup should, on form possessed, be annexed by Hindustan.

Air Ace and Scotch Mist are greatly fancied in the Royal Indian Navy Cup, and the Russian Army Cup, respectively.

The following are my selections:—

1ST RACE: Mac Arthur 1, Faithful 2, Chachan 3.

2ND RACE: Flower Of Calcutta 1, Patriot 2, Time Switch 3.

3RD RACE: Cougar 1, Lidsdown 2, Menu Suffrage 3.

4TH RACE: Air Ace 1, Bubbles 2, Firouze 3.

5TH RACE: Solferino 1, Halfaya 2, Mushtaq Naim 3.

6TH RACE: Snaky Hips 1, Princess Chitra 2, Love Me 3.

7TH RACE: Scotch Mist 1, Bay Peter 2, Sweet Dream 3.

8TH RACE: Hindustan 1, Firpo 2, Jassir 3.

9TH RACE: Malik Al Jiyad 1, New Jack 2, Hubb Al Watan 3.

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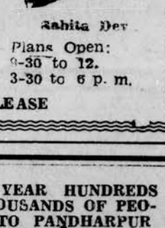
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 31.

Following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on 27/3/44:—Allahabad 91 66 0.2; BOMBAY 87 72 0; Calcutta 88 71 0.3; Cawnpore 91 65 0.3; Cuttack 93 73 0; Darjeeling 51 44 0; Delhi 85 63 0.11 (0.1. Dehra Dun 76 51 0.2; Jacobabad 80 61 0; Karachi 83 75 0; Lahore 63 57 0.3; Lucknow 91 65 0.3; Madras 90 77 0; Nagpur 98 70 0; Patna 91 69 0; Peshawar 62 54 0; Shillong 70 49 T; Simla 49 36 0.7.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

An innocent vanity is the last of our frailties to desert us. It will be the last infirmity that humanity will outgrow.

—A. G. Gardiner.

The Bombay Chronicle

OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM

The debate in the Council of State on the Finance Bill as recommended by the Viceroy was marked by much more warmth than is usual in this House. Mr. P. N. Sapru, who is in no sense an extremist, called it a "sin" to vote for the Bill. Explaining himself he added: "We are asked to vote for a Bill which will become law, with or without our approval, and will place funds at the disposal of an Executive Council whom we neither regard as representative of the popular will nor as efficient for carrying out the war effort of this country." It was practically on these general grounds that the Assembly had thrown out the Bill, apart from its many specific defects. And when the Bill was recommended in nearly the same form, responsible leaders naturally thought it an affront to the Legislature and the public or, in the words of Pandit Kunzru, "arrogant insistence of the Government on having its own ways."

One of the main targets of criticism was the imposition of many items of military expenditure on India though they were primarily in the interests of Britain or interests other than In[illegible]tan. Mr. [illegible]o sein Imam, for instance said there was no shadow of justice for the British Army in India being paid by the Government of India. Did Britain pay, he asked, for the U. S. Army in Great Britain and did America charge for the pay and salary of her personnel which were sent to India? He asked why India should pay for the cost of air fields in [illegible]e parts of British India where [illegible]can army was stationed, pri[illegible] sending help to China [illegible]conquest of Burma. [illegible]it is that the In[illegible] Government [illegible]stand up [illegible]le in [illegible]iture. [illegible]mam [illegible] the [illegible]was [illegible]dar [illegible]n- [illegible]y

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found the answer to this favourite Jap trick and, thanks to the air supremacy it now holds, its forward detachments are able to stay put in their boxes and thus to turn the tables upon the Japs as happened so conclusively in Arakan. It seems nevertheless that the Allies have been compelled to evacuate Tiddim "as being of no particular strategic value."

A Surprise

Unfortunately we have learnt to suspect such phrases owing to bitter experience in the past but it is at any rate a consolation, if not encouragement, that the Allied Commanders "do not intend that Imphal should fall into the enemy's hands." Particular attention is being paid to the disruption of the Jap lines of supply. The Allied air force and the Sino-American forces that are operating in the rear of the Japanese are bound to make the position of the latter's forward troops unenviable in the near future. This is, however, a long-term view and much depends upon how the Allies are able to deal with the forces that have already succeeded in penetrating the Manipur frontier. It may be that the element of surprise has now exhausted itself but it cannot be denied that the Japs did spring a surprise upon the Allies. Unfortunately General Auchinleck has not made it clear how this could have happened in the third year of war. Meanwhile we must rest content with his assurance that "we shall maintain our forward lines of communication and ultimately drive the enemy back to his original position and beyond."

Taxation & Representation

During the debate in the South African Senate on the policy of the Minister of the Interior towards resident Indians, Sir Alfred Henry and Mr. P. H. Taylor expressed sympathy with the Indian point of view and agreed that Indians must be given due representation to make them feel that "they are true South Africans." It almost appears as if communal franchise to Indians, as suggested by the Minister for the Interior, will soon be a reality but the question is what should be the measure of representation. An early settlement may be possible on this point, if only to obtain recognition of the principle of representation. But the settlement, even if tentative, should not reduce the representation to a mere make-believe. There ought to be some correspondence between tax-paying and representation.

Congress Strength

The results of the elections for the various local bodies in Gujarat show that Congress has captured 189 out of 200 non-Muslim seats. This is proof positive of the undiminished strength of the Congress in spite of Government's desperate attempts to discredit and weaken it. That is only natural. Congress has a just cause, and its sufferings endear it all the more to the people. Congress successes are bound to be greater at elections to Legislative Assemblies. Government know this and are fighting shy of general elections. But the day of reckoning cannot be indefinitely prolonged. The only drawback in the Congress triumphs is that it seems to have but slight hold on Muslim constituencies. It will not do to dismiss the point with the remark that these are communal seats. The Congress should ensure the allegiance of all communities.

Unfair

Mr. Suresh Vaidya has been sentenced to 98 days' imprisonment with hard labour for refusing to be conscripted into British forces. His contention seems to be that so long as India is not free and the Indian people have not accepted conscription as part of war effort, he is not justified in submitting to conscription in England. His conscientious objection ought to have been respected. The sentence imposed on him may be British justice. But few Indians will approve of it. It will, like the imprisonment of thousands in India on a kindred issue, help in emphasizing the anomaly of the Indian position before the bar of world opinion. The whole episode suggests an interesting, though academic, question. If the roles of Britain and India were reversed, what would an Englishman in Mr. Vaidya's position do?

Justice For Baluchistan

The Indian Legislative Assembly has done bare justice to the people of Baluchistan by accepting Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan's resolution regarding that greatly neglected part of India. The resolution asks for the appointment of a Committee with a majority of elected members of the Central Legislature to recommend what steps should be taken to associate constitutionally the people of Baluchistan with the administration of the province on lines similar to those in other provinces of British India. The speech made by the External Affairs Committee, Sir Olaf [illegible], opposing the resolution, pro[illegible]a fresh reason why the people [illegible]uchistan should be masters of [illegible]ffairs. We trust the Com[illegible]edite its work.

Japs About 20 Miles From Imphal

HARDER FIGHTING IN OFFING, AS SITUATION DEVELOPS

(From Mr. D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

IMPHAL FRONT, March 28th evening.

My predominant feeling at being here is that I am in the centre of the picture with the Japs operating around one side of me, in a large semi-circular arc, extending from Tiddim to Jessami. If one were to draw arrows indicating the various directions in which the enemy is moving the majority of these arrows, if extended, appear to want to meet at Imphal which is now acknowledged as the focal point of the Jap attack in the Central Sector. The other stray arrows appear to be directed haphazardly to strike at points on the northern part of the Kohima-Imphal Road, obviously with a view to hamper the line of communication. This is the rough picture. Let me amplify it at various points. At Tiddim which is south-west of Imphal our force is carrying out a "box operation." This has occurred because Japs had infiltrated and touched the Imphal-Tiddim Road, at points north of Tiddim. They arrived there from two directions, namely, East and West. Above these points on the road our own men coming from the top had caused a sort of sandwich action on the infiltrated Japs. Of these two forces or columns the one coming on the road from the east has been wiped out and the other from the west is expected to be mopped up soon.

Three days ago there was also a third point on the road to be touched by Japs. This is regarded as a minor obstruction. Therefore, in a short while the Imphal-Tiddim Road should be clear again. That explains the position on the south-west point of the semi-circle. Moving eastwards on the arc there has been another mopping up of 250 Japs who were caught unawares in a Nulla. Further east we come to the Imphal-Tamu Road. The Jap activity there is concentrated on the Palel-Tamu part of the road. Tamu is a point smack on the edge of Kabaw Valley. The position there awaits clarification—it being always borne in mind that the road itself is more important than the extreme point on it which is Tamu.

TOWARDS KOHIMA

As we move further up on the arc the situation gets more exciting. This part of the drive is the eastward drive, chiefly consisting of those Japs who crossed the Chindwin at various points. As things stand at present the Jap at one point is about 20 miles by road from Imphal. This is the Jap force which crossed the Chindwin at Thaungdut. It is near Ukhrul that some hard fighting has been going and the Jap force there is described as being a strong force. Japs are reported to be carrying mountain and infantry guns and moving with mules and large packs. Ukhrul, therefore appears to be one of the serious points of contact with the Japs, and as the situation develops some harder fighting is expected around here—this being the nearest point to Imphal, which the Jap has been able to touch. The Jap force operating in this area apparently crossed the Chindwin at Homalin and Tamanthi.

Another Jap column which crossed the Chindwin at Kaungheim appears to be heading towards Kohima. The object of this drive appears to be the cutting of the Kohima-Imphal Road. This completes the picture of the semi-circular arc.

HOLDING STRATEGIC POINTS

Following in the footsteps of his senior Axis partner, the Jap has started talking in these parts, of "Der Tags." He was supposed to be in Palel on the 26th and in Imphal on the 27th. To-day is 28th, but there is no sign of Jap either in Palel or Imphal. It is difficult to prophesy the immediate future. The terrain here is such that one can run round each other, and it may mean nothing. Recent glider-borne operation of Wingate shows how troops can easily be landed behind enemy-lines. Therefore, there is all the more reason why smaller Jap columns can sneak in around our various positions. The important thing is not the infiltration but the content and the nature and frequency of these contacts. Without appearing undully optimistic I would say that at almost every point of such contact it has been dished out to the Jap good and strong. One recalls Mr. Churchill once saying that there is no need to sacrifice lives when the same effect can be achieved with ammunition. This is being put into effect in the Burma war, as being fought in 1944. Serious as the Jap may be in his offensive one must recall the recent tactics of the Seventh Indian Division who refused to budge from their "box." This shows that the Jap may filter here and there, but it is the holding of strategic points in the terrain that matters and not the distance the Jap is from his objective. In other words the Jap may make circles round Imphal without ever taking it.

Council Of State Adopts Finance Bill

JONES ON H.M.G.'S CONTRIBUTION TO INDIAN DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

NEW DELHI, March 31.

The Council of State passed the motion for consideration of the recommended Finance Bill by 27 votes to 13.

When the debate was resumed today, His Excellency the C.-in-C. replied to a number of points regarding the Defence Services raised by previous speakers. He referred to Mr. Kalikar's remarks that cadets and officers were discharged ostensibly on the ground of inefficiency, but really on account of their political record and said Mr. Kalikar had been misinformed. Membership of ordinary peaceful political organisations was not a bar to service in the armed services. In a few cases, however, the War Department had taken action when some persons after getting commission were found to be concerned in subversive or revolutionary activity. Removals on the ground of inefficiency were done after careful scrutiny.

The C.-in-C. added that he himself was concerned in getting as many Indian commissioned officers as he could. It would be strange indeed if he allowed any officer to be removed from the Services unless there were good reasons for doing so.

INDIANISATION

The proportion of Indian officers in the army was steadily rising. The ratio of British to Indian officers now was one point three to one, compared with five point five to one in 1939. The C.-in-C. added that he was prepared to take every Indian Officer he could get, provided he was fit to be a leader of our men.

On the question of appointing Indians in high commands and staff appointments, he stated the situation was steadily improving. The matter was under his constant—almost daily—care and watch. He would ask the House to leave it to him to ensure that Indian officers received fair play.

Mr. C. E. Jones, Finance Secretary, winding up the debate, recognised with appreciation the definite statement that had been made on the floor of the House that the vote on the Bill was not an indication of opposition to war efforts.

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

Referring to H.M.G.'s contribution to the direct Defence Expenditure of India, Mr. Jones said that apart from the British Navy which defended India and whose value could not be exaggerated, India was importing equipment and stores of all sorts not made in this country free. It was not possible to give a complete evaluation of the help we received but Jones pointed out that the value [illegible]raft we had received was about [illegible]d crores of rupees. Besides, [illegible]tegories of A.A. guns (and must have cost H.M.G. [illegible]nd petrol valued appro[illegible]rores had been import[illegible] India also received [illegible] equipment, signal [illegible]ised instruments of [illegible]he was getting [illegible]ns of ammuni[illegible]manufac[illegible]added [illegible]ned [illegible]he [illegible]te [illegible]dian immigration

ungrateful and after what he had stated, he thought comment was superfluous.

The Finance Secretary said that it would not be possible to have a ceiling as to Defence Expenditure. There were so many unseen factors to be taken into account such as the change of the position of our forces, re-equipment with the latest weapons, increase in prices and pay, liberalisation of rations.

The House passed the motion that the financial proposals be taken into consideration by 27 votes to 13 and later adopted the Bill without a division. The House adjourned till April 4 and is expected to conclude the present session by April 8—A.P.

DISCHARGED IN APPEAL

NADIAD, March 31.

All accused in Nadiad Riot Case have been discharged in appeal in the sessions court at Nadiad.

Imperial Citizenship Association's Representation To Overseas Member

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Indian Imperial Citizenship Association has issued the following Press Note regarding the Restriction on entry of non-natives into East African territories:

Almost immediately after the receipt of the news about the end of February, 1944, that the Government of Kenya had restricted the entry of non-natives into Kenya the Association made a representation to the Government of India. In the course of their reply directed 3rd March, 1944 to the Association, the Government of India stated:

"The Government of Kenya have given the Government of India a definite assurance that the measure is intended to be purely temporary designed to meet conditions arising out of war time difficulties; that the Regulations will be terminated with other war time control measures and that the Regulations would apply to all non-native entrants without discrimination."

Since then, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Chairman of the Association has been and still is in communication with the Hon. Dr. N. B. Khare, Member-in-Charge of the Department of Indians Overseas, now known as the Department of Commonwealth Relations.

The East African Indian National Congress has strongly protested against the new Immigration Regulations and has written at length to the Government of India the contention of the Congress is that these Regulations are directed against Indian Immigration and are promulgated under the pressure of European agitation without any regard for Indian opinion and that they have been introduced without any reference to Indian representative institutions in East Africa, and even without the knowledge of the Indian Members of the Legislative Council of Kenya, Uganda Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Further the East African Indian National Congress stated "the Indian community views with alarm and apprehension the promulgation of [illegible]ations as a calculated at[illegible] into these territories and appeals for the intervention of the Government of India so that the measures be repealed at an early date."

The Congress contends that there was no justification whatsoever for these Regulations as "large number of Indians are ready to return to India if shipping accommodation is made available and about 3,000 to 4,000 are due to sail to India by dhows during March and April of this year."—United Press.

ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS OF KASHMIR

The one-man show organised by Mr. Noutiyal of the Indian Art Studio Mussoorie, at the premises of the Photographic Society of India, Hornby Road, has on view a set of fine water colours of Kashmir which are remarkable for the freshness and richness of colours. Mr. Noutiyal has obviously taken the best advantage of his recent visit to Kashmir. The exhibition introduces him as an able artist having a keen sense of colour and composition and also of appreciation of the beauty of Nature.

The water colours are lively impressions of the natural scenery of the beautiful country of Kashmir. Mr. Noutiyal has judiciously imparted variety to the landscapes by selecting scenes with lakes, streams and hills and by laying accent on the phenomena of the rising and setting sun and on the effects of the differen seasons on leaves and flowers.

One is delighted to see "Gulmarg and Beyond" (9), the general view of "Shrinagar" (5), "Changing Nature" (34), "Extracting Saffron" (57), "The Gulmarg Bazar" (26) and the landscapes with a tree or two forming the focus of attention. Mr. Noutiyal has also exhibited a few sketches of the farmers and boatmen and of the architectural remains of Kashmir which are equally interesting. The exhibition, which remains open till Monday, April 2, is well-worth a visit.

D. G. V.

The Sophia College Case

(By K. T. SHAH)

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Ever since the University took its decision regarding certain activities in the Sophia College, there has been a tornado of public criticism and misrepresentation, which is all the more pernicious because it is almost utterly one-sided. By its very nature, the University is a body that cannot reply to such criticism. On the other hand, the principal critic and opponent is a mighty mechanism of propaganda, that is being handled with all the zeal of religious fanaticism, all the authority of the highest ecclesiastical dignitary, all the experience of the most finished engine of dialectical skill and efficiency in publicity. Individual members of the University, however concerned they might feel in defending or vindicating the organisation they have the honour to belong to, cannot speak in the name or with the authority of the body. They can, at best, but express their personal view. But in that process the interests and position of the body concerned may be overlooked, or even come to be misrepresented. Notwithstanding this risk inherent and unavoidable in the situation, an attempt is made in this series of articles to lay out the various aspects of the main question and to distinguish between the grain and the chaff, the essence of the matter and the overlying layers of prejudice, misconception, misrepresentation.

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The issue has become exceedingly complicated, since first the move was made to deal with the situation. No longer is it now a question of proselytising activities in a public educational institution; nor of the technique and procedure adopted by the party concerned; nor even of the relation between an affiliated college and its affiliating University. All these are, of course, there; but there is much else, and much more, besides, involved in the problem.

On the one hand, the nation-wide agitation raised deliberately, and conducted scientifically, by the impulse, sanction and authority of uncatholic Church,—with all the vast machinery of propaganda at its command,—is rapidly transforming the original issue of some disciplinary action against certain and exceptionable activities in an affiliated college, into a matter concerning the rights of the Minorities, which has a particularly sinister twang in this land torn by the storms of the communal discords. The issue of the fundamental right of citizenship in a modern community,—Freedom of Conscience,—is also present, though it seems to be thrown into the cauldron almost as an afterthought, and merely as an incident of debate, as it were. It is, of course, useful,—and has been used—to threaten international complications, mainly in the shape of American displeasure or Chinese estrangement, should nationalist (Why Nationalist?) Indians persist in such steps. But the heavier emphasis is on the menace of internal conflict resulting from such action. On the other hand, with the decision of the Senate, already said to be forwarded to the Government, the final authority in the matter, constitutional as well as political complications become equally unavoidable.

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The purely legal aspect of the question was, of course, present ever since the question was raised about the authority of the University, the nature and personnel of the Syndicate Inquiry Committee, their procedure and findings. The technical, narrow, legal issue does not, however, embrace and exhaust the question of constitutional practice, also sought to be involved, especially under the present conditions in Bombay, as regards the relations between the Government and the University. The Government in Bombay to-day is without any responsible Ministers who would be the proper constitutional advisers to the executive head. The Governor is charged, both under the constitution, and under his special Instructions from the Crown, with responsibilities in regard to communal minorities, which must weigh particularly heavily on him in the absense of his popular constitutional advisers.

The conflict, moreover, being, in its present phase, with an international organisation like the Church of Rome, the issue cannot be treated as exclusively a domestic matter. It must have international repercussions, even apart from the threat of American displeasure, and consequent disfavour towards India's national aspirations.

The issue, therefore, must be considered in four simple aspects: the educational, legal, constitutional, and political.

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So far as the purely academic aspect is concerned, it has been almost universally accepted as a sound policy to exclude any proselytising taint from public educational institutions. In India, the land of many religions, some of them proselytising and other not,—no educational institution, would be trusted by the community generally if there was the slightest suspicion of its conductors inclining to one particular creed only. The Archbishop's own insistence, therefore, in one of his letters to the "Times of India", of the desirability of mutual trust will not be met if such activities were suffered to go on. The alternative of organising national education in India in exclusively communal institutions needs but to be mentioned to be rejected by all right-thinking people. Whatever chance of national unity we may have through common education in common institutions would be destroyed for ever. In mixed institutions, where young men and women of all communities foregather for the purposes of instruction and training, the only safe policy and wise dispensations is to eschew altogether even a suspicion of religious leaning of the authorities concerned.

It is for this reason that the Government of India have accepted the policy in public education, ever since the British Crown took over direct control, to keep public educational institutions free from any taint of religious bias, even where the founders and conductors of any such institution happen to belong to any particular denomination. There has, of course, never been any lack of educational institutions in India founded and conducted by Missionaries,—particularly Christian. But these have rarely been confined to students from any particular denomination. Nor has the teaching staff in such institutions ever been recruited exclusively from Christians. And the instruction has, of course, always been necessarily secular as prescribed by some public authority.

It is, consequently, an utter misnomer, if not a deliberate misrepresentation, to describe the Sophia College to be a "Christian College" or one "chiefly intended for Christians", as Dr. Roberts has done. Neither all its students are Christians, nor all its staff, nor its teaching. Except for the Society conducting the institution, it is in no sense of the term a "Christian" college. Had it been really so, it would either not have been affiliated; or the question of conversion would never have risen in it. As well might the institution be described as a "foreign institution", simply because some of the teachers there are foreigners.

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To characterise, moreover, the disciplinary step taken by the University against one of its affiliated colleges as an attempt to invade the rights of Minorities, or violate the freedom of conscience of the Catholics, is a deliberate distortion of facts. Whatever rights the minorities may be guaranteed, they cannot include the liberty to pervert public educational institutions, or attack through them the equally sacred rights of other communities, some of them even smaller minorities, less able to stir up local as well as international agitation, than the Catholics in India have been doing under the inspiration and with the authority of their ecclesiastical chiefs. Some of these, like Dr. Roberts, being foreigners, do not perhaps realise fully the mischief they are unleashing by the agitation they have started, in the conviction, perhaps, that with their nationality and diplomatic immunity they would not have to reap the consequences of these activities.

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The University of Bombay recently reaffirmed the fundamental policy of public education in this country of discountenancing and forbidding as it were, any activity, direct or indirect, which could result in the conversion of a student of one community to the faith of another. The Sophia College authorities were charged with carrying on such activities. They were called upon, as required by the law, to give their own explanation on the charges preferred against them. A Syndicate Committee, composed of eminent lawyers of three communities, considering the matter, took the view, that it would be needless to go into all the complications of what had happened, if the college authorities were prepared to provide adequate assurances against future recurrence of such events. The College authorities saw the wisdom of "burying the hatchet"; and gave the assurances as required, though they have subsequently averred these assurances were given "at the point of the bayonet." The matter would have ended there, had not events forced once again, the hand of the University. A new inquiry was ordered, evidence was gathered, materials collected, and the question deliberated upon for weeks by the same committee whose members had passed a whole lifetime in the administration of Justice. They came unanimously to the conclusion that the college authorities had not kept their assurances, in the letter or the spirit; and so they had no alternative but to recommend a course—disaffiliation,—which only a few short months ago, they had themselves explicitly rejected.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

The Bombay Finance (Amendment) Bill, 1944, has received the assent of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and is published in the Bombay Government Gazette' of March 30.

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Mr. Suresh Vaidya, the Indian journalist, was sentenced to 98 days' imprisonment by the Canterbury court-martial.

He is lucky he was not tried by a magistrate in India or he would not have escaped so lightly.

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Mr. Vaidya has been transferred from Canterbury barracks to Maidstone Prison.

Even that, we can assure him, will be much of an improvement on the best of our Indian jails.

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In the Assembly debate on Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan's resolution on Baluchistan, Sir Olaf Caroe characterised the discussion as "real, positive and constructive."

Then he made a "real, positive and constructive" contribution to it by opposing the resolution!

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NEW DELHI, March 31

The Council of State to-day passed by 27 votes to 13 the motion for the consideration of the recommended Finance Bill.—A.P.I.

So, after the Assembly debacle, the help of the Council of State has been invoked to save the "face" of the Government! But even there we find the unlucky number of 13 ranged against the Government!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *Mr. Churchill has caused a great feeling of satisfaction in Britain by his announcement that Atlantic Charter does apply to—Britain!*

(2) *Mr. Churchill frankly told the Commons that if men and women teachers were given equal pay he would not take the responsibility of starting the Second Front!*

(3) *Mr. Churchill appeared to an American reporter to be weary—weary of American reporters, perhaps!*

(4) *Mr. Churchill has nothing to add to the reply he gave last week, as last week he had nothing to add to the reply he gave the week before that—and so, it goes on back to the dawn of history!*

(5) *Mr. Churchill is always thinking of the Atlantic Charter—the cursed document is almost haunting him even in his sleep.*

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The Kathiawar Princes declared their unqualified disapproval of the merger scheme.

There is no truth, however, in the report that they are going to launch civil disobedience to resist the scheme and that their slogan will be "Divided we stand, united we fall."

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WITH effect from the 25th March 1944 we have taken over from the Eastern Chemical Co. Ltd., London, England (Managing Agents: Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. Ltd., Bombay) its assets, business, name and goodwill in India with benefit of all outstanding contracts and we shall be trading at present under the name of EASTERN CHEMICAL CO. (INDIA), eventually registering a new Company in India of the same name to carry on this business.

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A J. K. INDUSTRY

Govt. Terms To Open Congress-League Negotiations

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, March 30

Government of India, I learn will be willing to open negotiations with Congress and League representatives for dissolution of the deadlock provided such negotiations did not make release of Gandhiji as condition precedent. Lobbies also indicate that Government is likely to agree to forward to Congress leaders in detention any formula which Congress and Leaguee leaders might evolve for dissolution of the deadlock for eliciting views.

In short Government would like as far as possible Congress leaders outside jail to assume command of the situation without bringing Gandhiji. Non-officials however continue to hold the view that only Gandhiji could provide lasting settlement which the country would accept.

Rationing In Kaira District

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, March 31

It is reliably understood that cities and towns in Kaira District having population of more than 10,000 shall have compulsory rationing shortly, and it will begin with Nadiad and Kapadwanj.

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BAN ON USE OF MILK IN ICE-CREAM

An order issued by the Government of Bombay in October, 1943, bans except under a licence:

(1) the use of milk, cream, skimmed milk, dried milk or milk powder in the preparation of ice-cream and *kulfi-malai*;

(2) the distribution in a public place or sale at any place ice-cream and *kulfi-malai* prepared out of milk, cream, skimmed milk dried milk or milk powder.

The ban on the use of milk, etc., in the preparation of ice-cream and *kulfi-malai* applies to public places as well as to *PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS* This means that milk, etc., *cannot* be used in preparing ice-cream or *kulfi-malai* even for *domestic consumption* in a private household without a permit from the Director of Civil Supplies, Secretariat, Bombay.

SHAH ENVISAGES "ONE WORLD" FOR INDIA AND BRITAIN

CALCUTTA, March 30.

That India and England would be 'one world' of lasting peace after the war, in which the political and economic aspirations of the peoples would be satisfied, was envisaged by Mr. M. L. Shah, in the course of his presidential address at the 18th annual general meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, to-day.

"I hope England would make earnest efforts to solve the present political deadlock and unite India and England to avoid future wars," he observed.

Referring to post-war reconstruction and social security Mr. Shah stated that economic freedom was an indispensable corollary to political freedom, and while supporting the 15-year plan for economic development, framed by the Indian industrialists, he deplored Government of India's having no comprehensive and concrete scheme for post-war reconstruction.

Mr. B. M. Birla was elected President, Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, M. L. A. (Central) Senior Vice-President and Mr. K. D. Jalan Vice-President of the Chamber for the year 1944.

CALCUTTA WILL EAT HALF LAKH CATTLE LESS

NEW DELHI, March 30. It is revealed that Bengal Government's scheme to enforce two meatless days a week will save 50,000 heads of cattle per year in Calcutta alone.—A. P.

Jinnah Says Hindus And Muslims Are Brothers

On March 23 at a Pakistan Day meeting in Lahore, Raja Ghajanfar Ali, Parliamentary Secretary of the Punjab Assembly said that in the course of a speech delivered the previous day, the Qaid-e-Azam had said the following which he would never forget and which he wanted everyone to remember always:-

"We Hindus and Musalmans are brothers and inhabitants of one country. Our enemies think that we can never unite. But we will unite much sooner than they expect and together we shall free our country".

From "Inquilab" of Lahore, March 25.

Sale Of Khadi At Reduced Rates During National Week

The Secretary of A.I.S.A., Bombay Branch informs that Khadi silk, cotton and other woollen varieties will be sold at reduced rates at the various bhandars when the All-India Spinners' Association, will celebrate the National Week from April 2 to 16.

Growing Of Food Crops To Be Made Compulsory

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Director of Information, Bombay, in a press note states that the Government of Bombay has under consideration the necessity of introducing legislation to provide for the compulsory growing of food crops. The amount of food produced in the Province is normally far below what is required to provide food for the population, even excluding the population of the big cities such as Ahmedabad and Bombay, and, with such supp.... as may be made available from outside, it may at any time be impossible to provide food for a district that does not grow enough for itself.

It is hoped that the "Grow More Food" propaganda put out by the Government and non-official bodies will without any compulsion induce cultivators in most districts to grow more food crops, but the need for more food is so urgent that it may not be safe to risk the possibility of some of the cultivators reducing instead of increasing their production of food crops. It would seem, therefore, desirable to provide that, generally speaking, a cultivator should not have a lesser proportion of his holding under certain specified food crops than the proportion of his holding under those food crops in the year 1943-44 and thus to secure that last year's acreage under food crops will be maintained in areas to which this provision of the proposed legislation may be applied.

A legal obligation would be laid on the Government under the suggested legislation to offer to buy all cereal food crops grown in the areas to which the Act will apply. The grower would be given a fair price fixed before or at normal harvest time. The grower will thus have a double protection—as a producer against a fall in prices, and as a consumer against a food shortage that transport or other difficulties may at any time precipitate.

The Government may grant partial remission of land revenue and irrigation dues in areas to which the Act applies, where this is deemed necessary having regard to the prices of scheduled food crops, and any such concession will be passed on to the tenant cultivator by reduction of his rent.

Campaign Against Pakistan

LAHORE, March 31

"I am opposed to the principle of Pakistan and I am saying so not in my personal capacity, but I may say that 99 per cent of the Sikhs were opposed to it."

Thus declared Sardar Baldeodas, Food Minister, Punjab, speaking for the first time on the Pakistan issue and the attitude of the Sikhs thereto at a meeting which was addressed by Mr. K. M. Munshi.

Mr. Munshi said: "It is foolish to talk of dividing India. No power on earth could divide India. Those who to-day talk of reviving the days of Mahamud of Ghazni in India should remember that Hindus and Sikhs would rise to the last man to preserve the integrity and honour of the country."

Criticising those who are attempting to create misunderstandings between the Hindus and the Sikhs, Mr. Munshi said that Guru Nanak never tried to create a division between the two. His aim was to lead them into one.—United Press.

Jinnah's Plea For Pakistan

LAHORE, March 30

"Deadlock is the creation of the Congress. So its solution lies in the hands of Hindu leaders. If they say we want our freedom as well as your freedom the solution can be brought about in four hours," thus did Mr. Jinnah absolve the Muslim League of the alleged responsibility of perpetuating the political deadlock in India.

Agreeing with those who hold that the British do not want to part with power, Mr. Jinnah said, "we have to get this power in spite of the British. They have pursued the policy of united and democratic India, but in reality, they aim at a system of Government by means of which they shall remain at the top. We know United India can never be free, and it is an impossibility."

This was the address of Mr. Jinnah to the students of Foreman's Christian College students.—Orient Press.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 30.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar opened steady to-day but being weekly settlement day, there was some evening up of open business. Steel Shares were quiet and Mill Shares ruled barely steady Tata Steel Dfd Shares opened at Rs. 2,135 and declined to Rs. 2,120 Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 410 and declined to Rs. 407, Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,137 and declined to Rs. 2,117 while Kohinoor Shares opened at Rs 680 and steadied at Rs. 678 Bank Shares were steady Denabank Shares were quoted at Rs. 8,050 and Dena Investment changed hands at Rs. 31.

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmed Advance 512-8; Apollo 5; Bharat Mills 80-8; Bom. Dyeing 2122-8; Cent. India 433; Century 1030; Colaba 231; Dawn 1675; Edwd Sassoon 780; Elphinstone 113; Finlay 345; Gokak 355; Hindustan 4000; Ind. Bleaching 222; Ind. United Ordy 19-6; do Defd 4-3-3/4; Indore Malwa 1180; Khatau 425; Kohinoor 679; Lakshmi 1510; Maghowji 25-4; Minerva 610; Model Nagpur 308-12; Morarji 735; Madhusudan 510; Meyer Sassoon 250; Mysore 321-14; New Great 404; Phoenix 750; Podar Mills 441-4; Sassoon Silk 104; do Spg. 29-8; Sholapur 8700; Shri Nivas 435; Simplex 259; Swadeshi 595; Swan 378; Tata Mills 73; Vishnu 565; Western India 3650.

INSURANCE SECTION: Bom. Life 227-8; Empire Life 820; Oriental 6310; Vulcan 19-12; Indian Mercantile 86-8; Indust. and Prudent 43; Jupiter 39; New India Ass. 94-4.

HYDRO AND ELEC SECTIONS: Ahmed Elec. 224-6; Ajmere Elec. 14-8; And Valley Power 1885; Bom. Tram Ordy 146-12; Bom. Suburban 205; Broach 13; Karachi 252-8; Poona 300; Surat Old 208-12; do New Rs. 50/Pd 70; Tata Hydro Ord. 204-8; Tata Power Ord 1880.

BANK SECTION: Baroda Bank 139-8; Bank of India 183-8; Central Bank 93; Dena Bank 8850; Imperial Bank 1932-8; do Contributory 500; Habib Bank 85; Union Bank 9-14; Reserve Bank 134.

MISCELLANEOUS GROUP: Alembic Chem. 280; Alcock Ashdown 620; Asso Cement 224-8; Bom. Burma Old 412-8; do New 151-4; Belapur 243; Dena Invest 31; Invest Trust 72-12; B. B Petrols 3-3/4; Bom. Steamer 676-4; Prem Const 218; Port Canning 108-12; Scindia 35-6; Shivrajpur 69-8; Tata Chem. 31-6; Tata Oil 82; Tata Ordy 409-8; Tata Defd 2127-8; Wimco 330; B I C 6-4; Burma Corp 3-8; Ind. Copper 2-11-1/2 do Iron 36-6; Steel Corp 27-4; New Vict Ord. 9-6 H Co Bank 61; U. Co Bank 76-8; Bradbury Pref 595; do Ord. 417; Elphin. Pref. 220; Dharamsey Chem 77-8; New City Mill 431-4; New Union 32; Jaipur Banks 71

GOVT. SECURITIES: 2-3/4 per cent 1948-52 Loan 99-11; 3-1/2 per cent G P Note 98-6; 3 per cent 1946 Def. 1st 101-15; 3 per cent 1946 Def. 1st 101-15; 3 per cent 1949-52 2nd 100-9; 3 per cent 1951-54 3rd 99-15; 3 per cent 1953-55 4th Def 99-7; 3 per cent 1963-65 Loan 98-5; 3-1/2 per 1947-50 Loan 103; 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 112-8; 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 Loan 115-14.

CORP. DEBENTURES: 4 per cent. B P T 1974 113-8; 4 per cent M. Deb 1974 113-8; 5 per cent do 1959 121; 6 per cent do 1954 130-2; 6 per cent K P T 1956 129-8.

TAX-FREE LOANS: 5 per cent 1954-55 Loan 104-11; 4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 123-6; 5 per cent Mysore 1955 134-6.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2 d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. To-day being Friday no sales were made by the Bank. The Bank has adopted a new method as regards the sales of Gold. The buyers are required to send their tenders quoting purchase price. This method makes price and quantity factors uncertain and the market will be left guessing. It remains to be seen how far this new method works as there is keen desire to buy Gold. Moreover the market sentiment is mostly influenced by war news. The recent heavy purchases to the extent of several lakhs of tolas of Gold will take some time to be absorbed and again there will be renewed demand. Extensive circulation of paper currency is helping large purchases and there is more desire to buy Gold and replace stocks which India parted during the last heavy export movement. At the moment the market is uncertain and it is difficult to form any reliable idea about the future. The market opened to-day at Rs. 76-8 for Forward Gold and advanced to Rs. 77-4 on moderate buying. At the rise there was some realising and prices reacted to Rs. 76-10. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 131-12 and after advancing to Rs 132 quietened at Rs. 132. The market is under adjustment process.

A deputation of the Bullion Exchange had talk with the Governor of the Reserve Bank on Thursday. The members were assured that the Bank will fully consider their requirements. For this purpose the Exchange has appointed a committee of 8 members.

The local market was quietly steady but in the afternoon prices declined. It was said that recently some buyers bought large amounts of Gold and in the absence of financial arrangements were pressing sales. Actions and reactions are common features of a speculative market where traders assume big risks. Thus the decline seems to be of a technical natuure and too rapid a rise is being followed by also a rapid setback. It was said that some loral Banks who accommodated Gold purchases were not willing to go further and naturally stockists has to part with their holdings of Gold. Closing quotations: Ready Silver Rs 134-12, Forward Rs. 131-4, Ready Gold Rs. 74-8, Forward Rs. 74-8, Sovereigns Rs. 51.

COTTON: The local Cotton Market opened steady to-day but in the absence of any important buying prices ruled quiet with scattered selling. May delivery opened at Rs. 435-8 and after declining to Rs. 433-8 rallied to Rs. 434 There is less desire to buy cotton at present as demand for ready cotton continues very quiet. Moreover the usual uncertainty over survey, discourages investment purchases. The local market will remain closed to-morrow being "Ramnavmi".

Under tired liquidation prices declined to Rs. 430/4 for May delivery. Towards the close there was scattered covering and the market closed steady at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C May Rs 434/8; I C C July Rs. 443/12; I C C Sept. Rs. 448/12.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

I. C. C. May Highest 436, Lowest 431-1/2, Closing 433-1/4; I. C. C. July Highest 444, Lowest 441-1/2, Closing 443-1/2; I. C. C. September Highest 448, Lowest 445-1/2, Closing 448.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 102, Central India 289, Barsi 46, Berar 212, Central Provinces 252, Dholeras 1,792, Sind-Punjab 13,260, Broach 3,503, Compta 660. Total 20,118 Bales.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Khandesh Jarilla New 280/315, Berar Jarilla New 375/390, 280 F. Jarilla New 599/600, N. T. Jarilla New 515/525, 289 F. Saw-ginned New 640/650.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Jarilla Extra Spr.-fine 465, Sup. 455, Fine 445, F. Good 438; Broach Extra Spr.fine 454, Sup. 449, Fine 444, F. Good 439; L. S. S. Pun.-Ame. Extra Spr.-fine 560, Sup. 555, Fine 550, F. Good 545. 289 F. Pun.-Ame. Extra Spr.-fine 610, Sup. 605, Fine 600, F. Good 595; S. G. 289 Extra Spr.-fine 660, Sup. 655, Fine 650, F. Good 645; N. T. Sind-Ameri. Extra Spr.-fine 565, Sup. 560, Fine 555, F. Good 550; Sawgin Sind-Ameri. Extra Spr.-fine 610, Sup. 605, Fine 600, F. Good 595.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Cotton edged forward on mill price-fixing, scattered replacement buying and local short covering influenced by the upward revision of mid-month parity and reports of floods in the Central Belt which disclosed scarcity of offerings after the subsidence of the recent liquidating movement. The market closed very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 30.
May 20.89+07, July 20.52+10, October 20.13+12, December 19.97+13, January 19.91+13, March 19.79+13, May Highest 20.90+08 (1258), Lowest 20.80—02 (10 a.m.), Middling Spot 21.82+04.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
May 21.03+10, July 20.67+11, October 20.16+16, December 19.99+12, January 19.88+12, March 19.82+16, Middling Spot 20.95+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.
May 20.83, July 20.46, October 20.04.

LONDON SILVER
London, March 30.
Spot 23-1/2 Forward 23-1/2

LONDON GOLD
London March 30.
London Gold Fine per oz £8-8-0.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 24th March:—

Demand liabilities in India Rs. 524,65,74,000, Time liabilities in India Rs. 167,28,85,000, Cash in India: (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes Rs. 21,69,02,000, (ii) Rupee Coin Rs. 1,93,00,000, (iii) Subsidiary Coin Rs. 42,92,000 Balances with Reserve Bank Rs. 63,29,19,000. Advances in India Rs. 204,99,26,000. Bills discounted in India Rs. 9,75,27,000.

Kannada Spring Lecture Series

The Kannada public of Bombay will soon have a rare opportunity of hearing a series of lectures to be held on every Sunday in April, delivered by some of the eminent scholars of Karnataka in connection with the forthcoming "Vasantotsava". Under the joint auspices of the local Karnataka Sangha, the Kannada Sabha, and the Mogaveera Mandali, Prof. D. R. Bendre M.A. the National Board of Karnataka Prof V. Seetaramayya M.A. poet and scholar of Mysore, Prof. R. V. Jagirdar, M.A., (Lond.) the well-known dramatist of Dharwar Pandit Narsingrao Manvi, M.A., P.O.L. of the Information Department, Hyderabad Sjt. Dinkar Desai, M.A of the Servants of India Society Bombay, will lecture on the Cultural, Artistic, Linguistic Philosophical and Geo-economical aspects of the "Fundamental Unity of Karnataka and its Contributions to Indian Nationhood". There will also be variety entertainments, musical soirees, dance and drama items and competitions alongside. The functions will be held at different places in Bombay city. Dates to be announced later. On the opening day 2-4-44 poet Bendre will be given a public reception on his being the president of the Karnataka Sahitya Sammelan this year.

Prominent Kannadigas like the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Lokur Mr H V R Iyengar, Dr. Savoor and Prof. Patravali will preside on different occasions.

RAJADHYAKSHA FOREIGN EDUCATION SOCIETY

The 20th annual general meeting of the Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha G S B Foreign Education Society was held in Bombay on Sunday last, under the presidency of Sir Sitaram S. Patkar and adopted the Committee's report and audited statements of accounts for 1943.

The report showed that the Society has advanced in all loan-scholarships of the aggregate sum of Rs. 82,623 to 19 scholars hailing from all parts of the country, and has built up a permanent fund of Rs. 1,52,952.

The following are the office-bearers of the Society:—Chairman: Sir Sitaram S. Patkar; Vice-chairman: The Hon. Mr. Justice G S Rajadhyaksha, Hon. Secretaries: Mr V D Muzumdar and Mr. Y H Sukthankar; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. V. Sabnis; Hon. Auditors: Messrs J K Parulkar and Co.

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Direct Green	11	5	6
Direct Orange	18	5	6
Congo Red	6	3	3
Direct Violet	18	3	6
Chrysophenine	16	2	0
Direct Blue 2B	11	4	6
DIAZO COLOURS:—			
Diazo Black	7	8	6

	Rs.	as.	ps. per lb.
SULPHUR COLOURS:—			
Sulphur Black	4	4	9
INDIGO:—			
Indigo 60%	6	7	3
VAT COLOURS:—			
Vat Black	37	10	0
Vat Blue RSN	50	8	6
Vat Blue RC (BC)	38	0	6
Vat Brown 2G	80	10	0
Vat Jade Green	94	9	6
Vat Golden Orange	83	11	3
Vat Violet	66	10	6
COUPLING DYES of the insoluble Azo Classes:—			
AS.	15	8	6
AN (ASBC)	25	4	9
MN (ASBS)	20	11	6
AND THEIR BASES:—			
Fast Scarlet RC Base	16	8	6
Fast Red B Base ..	24	3	0
Fast Garnet GBC Base	10	14	9
SOLUBILISED VAT DYESTUFFS:—			
O4B	29	9	0
Green 1B	80	10	0
Yellow IGK	80	10	0
Violet	85	7	3

NOTE:—

(1) Where the dyes are to be despatched by railway, the above prices are for delivery f. o. r., any destination in India.

(2) Where the dyes are in packages of less than one hundred weight an addition may be made to the above maximum prices at the rates shown below:—

For packages containing less than 112 lbs. but not less than 28 lbs. 2 as. per lb.

28 lbs.	„	14 lbs.	4 as.	per lb.
14 lbs.	„	7 lbs.	6 as.	„ „
7 lbs.	„	5 lbs.	8 as.	„ „
5 lbs.	„	2 lbs.	12 as.	„ „
2 lbs.	„	1 lb.	1 Re.	„ „
1 lb.	.....	1 Re.	8 as.	per lb.

(3) Where in any area, a sales tax, terminal tax, octroi or other provincial or local tax is levied on dyes, an addition just sufficient to cover such tax or taxes may be made to the maximum prices shown above.

2. All sellers of dyes are hereby notified that until further notice no dyes of the types listed above may be sold at prices in excess of those quoted above.

3. All consumers and sellers of dyes are hereby notified that these prices have been fixed in relationship to the distributor's fixed selling prices to consumers of the most expensive type, make and concentration of each dye when imported from the most expensive source.

4. Generally dyes imported from cheaper sources of the most expensive type, make and concentration should be considerably cheaper in cost than the rates quoted above and in all cases dyes of cheaper type, make or concentration should cost considerably less than these rates.

5. Consumers are asked to bring to the attention of the Textile Commissioner, Hararwala Building, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, immediately any cases in which they are charged prices in excess of those listed above.

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WANTED

INSPECTORS OF AGENCIES for Bombay for a most progressive composite Insurance Co. of Bombay. No business guarantee. Unique guidance and liberal terms offered to willing workers. Experienced persons with ambition to build up a bright future should apply to Box No. 8265, "Bombay Chronicle."

NOTICE.

MR. ALFRED DOUGLASS FINNEY has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firms in Bombay and Karachi.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.

Calcutta, 1st April, 1944.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Monday, the 10th April 1944, at 2 p. m. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. (a) Appointment of Mayor for the year 1944-45; and (b) Letter from Mr. Naoroji Bamanji Panthaki—Regarding a suggestion to appoint Mrs. Lilavati K. Munshi as Mayor for the year 1944-45.

2. (a) Letter from the Municipal Secretary—Requesting the Corporation to appoint two representatives on the Board of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute; and (b) Appointment of two representatives of the Corporation on the Board of the Institute.

3. Interpellations.

4. Letters from the Honorary Secretary, Naigaum Social Service Society—Applying for a grant-in-aid of the Society for the year 1944-45.

5-14. Letters from the authorities of the (5) Society for the Protection of Children in Western India; (6) Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society; (7) Depressed Classes Education League; (8) Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association (Bombay Branch); (9) Swastik League; (10) Bai Yamunabai L. Nair Charitable Hospital; (11) Dispensary conducted by the Friendship Centre at Tadwadi; (12) Bombay Presidency Women's Council Rescue Home for Indian Women; (13) Mumbai Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya; and (14) Tardeo Vyayam Shala—thanking the Corporation for giving grants-in-aid of their respective institutions for the year 1943-44.

15-17. Letters from the authorities of the (15) Muslim Educational Service League; (16) Depressed Classes Education League; and (17) Shree Shivaji Vyayam Mandir, Bhoiwada — Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

18. Letter from the Superintendent, R. H. Patuck Industrial School—Forwarding a report of the 7th Founder's day of the School.

19. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society—Requesting that the condition relating to the appointment of a Corporation's representative on the committee of Management of the Society in connection with the Corporation's grant-in-aid of the Society be waived.

20. Letter from Messrs. Merwanji Kola & Co., Solicitors and Notaries Public, on behalf of their client Mr. Gordhandas Vandravandas—Regarding a claim for damages for wrongful prosecution of their client by the Municipality.

21. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Municipal Schools Committee Peons' Asscciation—Thanking the Corporation for granting House Rent Allowance to the peons under the Schools Committee.

22. Letter from Mr. Manubhai M. Doctor, Advocate, on behalf of his client Mr. Gulamali Ismailji Pardawalla — Claiming damages etc., in respect of the alleged seizure of his client's goods by the Encroachment Removal Staff.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

23. Regarding the reduction made in the strength of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

24. Regarding the question of crediting to the Fines Fund the excess of receipts over expenditure in respect of grain shops opened for Municipal employees.

25. Regarding the creation of certain temporary posts.

26. Recommending an additional grant to meet the cost on account of certain temporary posts of Junior Overseers of the Health Department being brought on time-scale of pay.

27. Forwarding a copy of Government Resolution according sanction to the raising of a loan of Rs. 20 lacs for Municipal purposes.

28. Recommending a proposal for starting a library for workers in the Municipal Printing Press, etc.

29. Regarding the creation of a post of a Special Officer for the collection of material required by the Post-War Reconstruction Committee of the Corporation.

30. Regarding the grant of Cycle Allowance to certain Medical Assistants of the Health Department who maintain cycles in connection with their official duties.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

31. Regarding revised estimate for the work of adding to the public street the set-back land acquired at Government Gate Road, Parel.

32. Regarding the revised estimate for the work in connection with the scheme for the augmentation of the City's water supply.

33. Regarding the revised estimate for the work of concreting the 15' width of the carriageway of the Woollen Mill Lane.

34. Regarding revised estimate for the work of laying a water main in Israel Moholla, B Ward.

35. Regarding the Fire Watching Organization in the City.

36. Regarding a proposal to organize a Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Show every year under the auspices of the Corporation.

37. Regarding a letter from the Director of Civil Supplies relating to the quality and proportion of barley included in the bar-wheat ration.

38. Regarding a letter from the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, relating to the question of rationing of kerosene in the City.

39. Regarding the amendment of the Municipal Act so as to obtain summary powers to seize certain vehicles for non-payment of wheel-tax, etc.

40. Regarding the amendment of the Municipal Act relating to the audit of Municipal accounts.

41. Regarding a letter from the Controller of Rationing, Bombay, relating to the rationing of Kerosene in the City.

42. Regarding the representation made to Government for compensation for the loss sustained by the Corporation owing to the cancellation of wayleave agreement with the Bombay Telephone Co., Ltd.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S LETTERS—

43. Reporting on Government letter regarding the grant to be paid by Government to the Bombay Municipality in respect of Primary Standards of Secondary (English) Schools.

44. Forwarding quarterly list of unanswered references from the Corporation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER—

45. Reporting the reasons for the delay in submitting reports on certain Corporation Resolutions.

46. Forwarding the monthly Chemical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.

47. Forwarding a quarterly statement of motor vehicles taxed and exempted.

48. Forwarding half-yearly report of the work done in the Municipal Laboratory.

49. Reporting on an application for gratuity due to an ex-Municipal employee.

50. Regarding the lease of the Government Forest land at Mangalpada for constructing a temporary shed for housing Municipal staff.

51. Reporting that no case of breeding of Malaria carrying mosquito was found during February, 1944.

52. Regarding the deputation of certain Municipal employees to Government service.

GOVERNMENT LETTERS—

53. Regarding the printing and publication by the Bombay Municipality of Registers of non-attending children of School-going age.

54. Regarding the confirmation of a new regulation of the Municipal Pension, etc., Regulations.

55. Communication from Mr. Devdas Gandhi—Thanking the Corporation for their Resolution on the death of his mother Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi.

56. Letter from Mr. Vasantram Jamietram, on behalf of Mr. Vithaldas D. Govindjee—Applying for leave of absence from the meetings of the Corporation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY—

57. Submitting a statement of references pending before the Committees of the Corporation.

58. Submitting a list of Resolutions calling for reports from the Commissioner, which have not been received.

59. Submitting a statement of Interpellations remaining unreplied to by the Commissioner.

60. Submitting a return of attendance of Councillors at Meetings of the Corporation, the Standing Committee, the Improvements Committee and of the Committees and Sub-Committees, etc., during the year ending 31st March, 1944.

61. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.

62. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

63. Further consideration of the Proposition for requesting the Schools Committee not to proceed with the execution of any schemes unless funds therefor have been definitely voted, etc.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

64-65. From Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hassan—For (64) amending the Municipal Act so as to provide for works for abating or removing any nuisance in private buildings being carried out by the Municipality at the cost of the landlord or the offenders, etc.; and (65) having all cases of breaches of the Shops and Establishments Act tried by the Bench of Honorary Magistrates.

66. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For appointing Mr. M. R. Masani as a member of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee of the Corporation.

67. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria, seconded by Mr. Vasantram Jamietram—For requesting Government to construct buildings for their own requirements and release the buildings at present occupied by them for the use of the Civil population of the City, etc.

68-70. From Mr. Keshao Ganesh Tambe—For (68) discontinuing the present practice of knotching the surfaces of Shahabad pavement of footpaths and substituting other method for roughening them, etc.; (69) reprinting all court decisions and legal opinions upon the interpretation of different Sections of the Municipal Act; and (70) having the drawings of important engineering projects lithographed.

71. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For increasing the Dearness Allowance paid to Municipal employees from Rs. 16 to Rs. 18, so as to bring it on the footing with the Government of India in the case of Government employees.

72-76. From Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar—For (72) requesting Government to make available out of the sum of Rs. 25 lakhs set aside by them for the uplift, etc., of the Backward Classes Rs. 5 lakhs to the Corporation to provide additional facilities to the Scheduled Class Children attending Municipal Schools; (73) providing additional accommodation for Tuberculosis patients in view of the taking over of the Ramesh Premchand Tuberculosis Hospital building by Government; (74) amending the Municipal Act so as to provide for the appointment of four Non-Councillor Members on the Standing Committee and the Improvements Committee; (75-76) obtaining a report from the Commissioner regarding the desirability of (75) increasing the number of Councillor members on the Schools Committee from 12 to 16; and (76) appointing a Public Relaticns Officer to keep the public informed of the various activities of the Corporation.

77. Further consideration of the Propositicn regarding the question of withdrawing the licences granted to squatters for hawking on the footpath on the east side of Lamington Road, etc.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,

B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 31st March 1944. (8326)

PUBLIC NOTICE

DESPATCHES OF PIECEGOODS AND YARN FROM WADI BUNDER

All concerned are advised that no goods will be accepted for despatch from Wadi Bunder to any destinations in India served by the G.I.P. Railway unless they have previously been registered with the Textile Commissioner, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

2. In addition to the particulars previously notified, after 31st March, 1944, no registration will be accepted unless the full name and address of the consignee, details of the bale marks and the cloth dealer's licence number are quoted on the registration.

3. Registrations are accepted on the strict understanding that goods will be despatched without delay irrespective of the cost of transport by sea or by rail in accordance with the instructions of the Textile Commissioner.

4. All registrations made prior to 31st March 1944 for despatch of piecegoods or yarn from Wadi Bunder to any destination in Bengal have been cancelled and those concerned must re-register in accordance with para 1 and 2 above.

5. Failure to comply with the instructions of the Textile Commissioner regarding despatch will entail the most serious consequences.

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NOTICE

TO OUR RESPECTED CUSTOMERS AND MERCHANTS

Owing to the heavy rush of work we are unable to execute any further orders. NO ORDERS FOR PRINTING & DYEING will therefore be accepted from 1st April to 30th April 1944

BHUPENDRA DYEING & PRINTING WORKS,
195, Khetwadi Main Road,
Bombay 4.

Tel. No. 42668. 4493

NOTICE.

RATEPAYERS ARE WARNED against paying bills for Municipal Rates and Taxes and the Urban Immovable Property Tax without receiving back the bills duly receipted at the time of payment. The only legal receipt is the receipted bill itself impressed with the Coat of Arms of the Municipal Corporation. Receipts written on ordinary slips of paper are invalid and cannot be recognised.

Ratepayers, when in doubt about any payment or about any assessment matter relating to their properties, are advised to apply for information to the Assessor and Collector at the Municipal Head Office direct.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 1st April, 1944. (8307)

EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Empire of India Life Building, Hornby Road, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 21st April, 1944, at 10-15 A. M. (S.T.), to receive and consider the Directors' Report and audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1943, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to sanction the payment of a bonus to the Officers and Staff.

The Transfer Books are closed from the 31st March to 21st April 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. R. BHARUCHA,
Secretary.

Bombay, 31st March, 1944.

The Dividend, if declared, will be payable on and after the 24th April, 1944.

To the Members of the Empire of India Life Assurance Co., Ltd. and in particular to:—

Mr. F. P. Chambers. Mr. W. L. Allum. (8312)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

PROHIBITION OF SERVICE OF GAME BIRDS

To conserve the poultry resources of the Province, the Bombay Government issued an order in January last, that no poultry should be served in any hotel, club, eating house, restaurant, railway refreshment room or railway carriage throughout the Province on two days in a week, viz., Monday and Friday. Government has now extended this prohibition to the service of game birds also. (8321)

NOTICE.

RATEPAYERS ARE WARNED that the Municipality does not hold itself responsible for non-receipt of applications, notices, complaints against rateable values, &c., required to be made within the period prescribed under the provisions of Chapter VIII of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888 unless they are in a position to produce proper acknowledgements received from the Department concerned, showing the subject matter of the applications, notices, complaints, &c.

Applications, notices, complaints against rateable values, &c., sent by post will be dealt with, but ratepayers are warned that they will be sending such applications, notices, complaints, &c., by post at their own risk.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 1st April, 1944. (8308)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that according to Bombay Act II of 1943, the City of Bombay Municipal Act has been amended so as to make it incumbent on every person who owns or is in charge of any dog not under the age of six months to take out a license for keeping such dog. Section 191A (3) (a) of the Municipal Act as amended lays down that every person who owns or is in charge of any dog shall before the 1st day of May in each official year forward to the Municipal Commissioner a return signed by him, containing information regarding the age of the dog kept by him within the City and his name and address. As the amendments introduced by Bombay Act II of 1943 have come into force, every person who owns or is in charge of any such dog kept within the City is requested to forward a return duly filled in to the Head Supervisor (Dog Licensing Establishment) Bombay Municipality, Sanitary Institute Building, Princess Street, Bombay and to take out a licence on payment of Rupees Five. Section 193-A(3) (b) as amended further lays down that every person who becomes the owner or is in charge of any such dog after the first day of May in any official year shall forward a like return signed by him within one week from the date on which he becomes the owner or takes charge of the dog.

Copies of the form of return can be obtained from the Office of the Head Supervisor mentioned above.

Any person owning or in charge of a dog not under the age of six months who fails to forward a return as stated above is liable to be prosecuted and punished with a fine which may extend to Rs. 50|-.

M. D BHAT.
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay. (8313)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX.

OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES are reminded that Municipal wheel tax for the first quarter of the Official year 1944-45 falls due on 1st April, 1944. They are, therefore, requested to make payment of the tax to Ward Inspectors of the Assessment and Collection Department or to forward the amount direct to the Assessor and Collector at the Municipal Head Office, Fort, Bombay.

The following instructions are published for their information:—

(1) Under Section 188(1) of the Municipal Act, notice is required to be given within fifteen days after a person has become the owner or has obtained possession or control of a vehicle or animal.

(2) Under Section 188(2) of the said Act, every person who ceases to own or have possession of any vehicle or animal is required to give immediate notice to avoid liability for payment of the tax being continued.

(3) Refund of the tax paid is admissible under certain circumstances specified in Section 190 of the Act provided notice of the occurrence of the event is given and an application claiming refund is made as required by Section 191.

As the liability for wheel tax runs with the vehicle, intending purchasers of motor vehicles would do well to verify whether the tax has been paid on the car up-to-date.

Owners of hand-carts and bullock carts are likewise requested to pay the wheel tax due and obtain number plates in token of payment of the tax.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner.

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 1st April, 1944. (8309)

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